

WHITTINSVILLE BRICK MILL
56 Douglas Road
Northbridge
Worcester County
Massachusetts

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Worcester	TOWN OR VICINITY Northbridge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) WHITINSVILLE BRICK MILL		HABS NO. MA-1225
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE OLD BRICK MILL		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 54 Douglas Road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1826 (National Register nomination)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Paul Whitin & Sons (National Register)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This is the earliest of 3 cotton manufacturing complexes found in this prototypical New England Mill village. It was built in 1826 by Col. Paul Whitin & Sons and is one of the most significant examples of its type & period of factory construction standing. It was*		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Federal (prototypical early 19th century mill)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick construction in common bond (6 stretcher rows per header), frame stair tower		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 3 stories from the front, 4 for the rear; rectangularly shaped building with a gambrel, clerestory roof; front stair tower projection, 4 stories of loft openings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE clerestory monitor in gambrel roof, front stair tower, belfry at center of roof ridge, small board and batten forge building adjacent, with hipped roof with clerestory.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1905- brick addition of 3 stories at west elevation 1976- restored		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition; rehabilitation center		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE *an early "integrated" factory, housing both weaving of cloth on power looms & the earlier spinning technology. The Whitinsville district epitomizes one of the leading institutions of the Industrial Revolution, the New England Mill Village, with remarkably intact examples.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination (Whitinsville Historic District), prepared by Wendy Frontiero B. Michael Zuckerman & Kenneth Warchol, Northbridge Historical Comm., November 1982.		
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